



ST EDWARD'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

16th October 2020

Dear Parents / Guardians,

It is time to share our weekly curriculum newsletter with you once again. It's unbelievable how fast the weeks are going by. We have to say it is a real pleasure to be able to share with you a snapshot of the hard work produced by every year group. We are constantly amazed by the work ethic and commitment of all our children. This week we were able to celebrate the special feast day of our Patron Saint - St Edward. The children carried out a whole host of creative activities throughout the day including artwork and making crowns. We were also able to come together as a whole school family during a virtual liturgy. This liturgy focused on St Edward as a man of faith. We thought carefully about how we could all be people of faith - particularly within our world today. Our mission was to be more like St Edward and think about how we could serve one another.

We wish you all a safe and relaxing weekend.
Best wishes,
Mrs Brown, Mrs Teasdale & Mrs Fox



Faith Space

On Tuesday, we celebrated the feast of our school patron, St. Edward. Our school community came together in prayer for a virtual liturgy, asking God to grant us the same faith as Edward. We also dedicated the day to learning about him, focussing on his role as king, his inspiration to the Church and we used St. Edward to inspire some arts, ranging from making collaged crowns to stained glass windows – even creating a comic strip!

We prayed to Edward as part of our liturgy together – perhaps you could use this prayer at home too.

Lord,

You raised Edward, king and confessor, to be your faithful servant.
Guided by his prayers, may this same faith survive and flourish in us.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Please feel able to email any names for our remembrance book to stedwardsremembrance@gmail.com.
Further information can be found at <https://stedwards.npcat.org.uk/virtual-book-of-remembrance/>.



Year 6

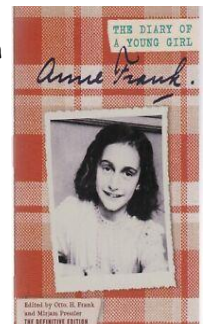
This week in Year 6, some inspiring and persuasive speeches have been written by our children. We have been learning all about Martin Luther King as part of our Black History Month, particularly focusing on his empowering, 'I Have A Dream' speech. Enthused by this, the children have written their own speeches, which highlight the importance of key issues in our world (such as racism and poverty).

As Tuesday 13th October was the feast day of St Edward, we celebrated by researching St Edward's legacy and analysing different pieces of artwork portraying him. In Maths, we have started our new topic, multiplication and division, solving lots of different problems! This is something which we will continue to do next week too. In RE, we have been discovering all about Rosh Hashana. We have even designed a Rosh Hashana card to give a Jewish friend a blessing for the New Year.

Once again, we are very impressed with the fantastic, hard-working attitudes of our wonderful Year 6 children.

Year 5

After another challenging week in Year 5, the children across both classes have adapted so sensibly and maturely to changes to our day. In maths, we have been using the inverse operation to check calculations and working with missing number problems. We have turned our focus to Anne Frank and diary writing in English this week. The children have understood and empathised with Anne's story, retelling of one of her diary extracts. Continuing on our materials and their properties topic in science, the children have investigated which materials would dissolve in water to create a solution and which ones wouldn't. Absolutely fantastic, Year 5.



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Year 3 / 4

Year 3/4 have had a very productive week and have handed in some lovely work. We have continued our work on Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, writing diary entries, character and setting descriptions as well as practising our punctuation and spelling. In maths we have completed our addition and subtraction topic. We enjoyed problem solving and showed great determination in solving some tricky reasoning work, adjusting our answers and trying different ways to solve the problem. We have also come to the end of our Homes topic in RE and have learnt how to live as a Christian should, following the examples the Holy family gave us. In Science we had fun investigating with mirrors – we drew and recorded mirror images. We are so pleased with the way our children show so much maturity and resilience when faced with change. They have worked so hard and put such effort into their work. They should be very proud of themselves.



Year 2

It has been such a lovely week in Year Two. We had great fun celebrating St Edward's Feast day on Tuesday. The day began with a special whole school liturgy. We gathered together and thought about how we could be people of faith just like St Edward. During lessons, we researched key facts about St Edward as well as producing some fantastic artwork. We designed and made our very own stained glass windows featuring the crown of St Edward. In keeping with inspirational figures, we continued work on the life of Rosa Parks. We discussed key events within Rosa's life and the impact of her actions. In preparation for next week, please check the Google Classroom stream as we are asking the children to bring in a small collection of leaves, twigs and conkers in order to support next week's poetry sessions.



Year 1

On Tuesday of this week, the children really enjoyed celebrating St Edward's Feast Day. We joined together as a school family for a virtual liturgy and have learnt about King Edward's life. The children described what faith means to them and we have created a beautiful display in our classrooms with our school crown in the centre. In English, the children watched video clips and listened to sound effects of a range of different environments. They used their senses to describe what they might hear, see, smell, taste and touch at the fairground, a football match, a storm at sea and a snow scene. In maths, we have continued to embed the skills of addition by working practically with a variety of resources. The feedback from the children regarding Bug Club Phonics has been very positive – happy reading! 😊



EYFS - Nursery & Reception

This week Reception have enjoyed reading 'Percy the Park Keeper: After the Storm' by Nick Butterworth. We stopped the story in the middle when the big tree had fallen down and predicted what would happen next! In maths, we have looked at 2d shapes and their properties. We found lots of shapes in the classroom and outside! We have also created a big piece of natural art, inspired by Andy Goldsworthy, using autumn treasures. Such a busy week with lots of fun had by all!



In Nursery, we have been learning about hedgehogs this week. We have found out that they like to eat slugs, beetles and wriggly worms! They are nocturnal and baby hedgehogs are called hoglets. We've had fun making 2D shape paper-plate hedgehogs too! We really enjoyed celebrating St Edward's feast day and made some fantastic crowns.

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